



### Harpoon Head of the OBS I Type " Y "

E 135) A very finely carved harpoon head of the OBS I type « y ». The Henry Bascom Collins Jr. Typology Type I because it has a trifurcated spur, two drilled line holes, and the holes for two side blades coming what gives the type the "y" categorization. It was given the style Old Bering Sea I because of its simple, light-colored flint side blade/barbs lodged to either side of the point are now missing. The overall shape of the object is similar to a harpoon head – a major source of food and skin for the Bering Sea Eskimo and those of the Aleutian chain or that of the Aleutian chain. The object is decorated with and curvilinear designs showing extensive wear. The lashing-well is deep and ribbed inside between the two holes.

Old Bering Sea I (possibly II), Saint Lawrence Island to Northern Alaska

Mineralized walrus tusk (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*)

9 cm.

Circa. 2200 BP to 1500 BP.

#### Literature:

See :

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